

REMARKS

In this Amendment, the following claims have been amended: Claims 69, 116, 142, 143, 163, 193, 194, 214, 244, 245, 264, and 265. Also, new Claims 299-303 have been added. All of the amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter to the application. For example, the alternative location of the second condenser is described in Paragraph [00168].

In response to the election requirement, Applicants wish to elect the claims as following:

Fig. 39 embodiment for the laser system;

Fig. 58 embodiment for the first beam converter;

the embodiment comprising "152" and "153" in Fig. 39 for the beam compressor; and

Fig. 80 embodiment for the second beam converter.

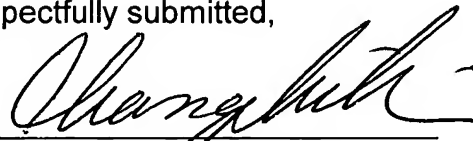
The claims read on these elected species are Claims 69, 74, 76, 83, 88, 89, 116, 119, 121, 123, 142, 147, 148, 163, 168, 170, 191, 193, 198, 199, 214, 219, 221, 242, 244, 249, 250, 264, 265, 291-295, and 297.

Prompt consideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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